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SUBJ: FRIULI BENEFIT CONCERT IN NEW YORK

1. FRIULI CHORAL GROUP HAS ASKED EMBASSY FORWARD TO YOU LETTER IN WHICH ORGANIZERS SAY THEY WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE TO YOU A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CULTURAL MONUMENTS IN FRIULI AREA. THEY STATE THEY WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HONORED TO PERFORM IN HEADQUARTERS OF ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION. EMBASSY POUCHING LETTER, BUT GROUP LEAVES FOR U.S. SEPTEMBER 7.

2. GROUP CONSISTS OF 60 STUDENTS OF FONDAZIONE MUSICALE G. TOMAT IN SPILIMBERGO (PORDENONE PROVINCE). IT WILL BE IN NEW YORK CITY SEPTEMBER 7-10 INCLUSIVE BEFORE GOING ON TO CANADA. POINT OF CONTACT IN NEW YORK IS MR. VISSAT, FAMEE FURLANI CLUB 73-16 ROOSEVELT AVE., JACKSON HEIGHTS. CATHOLIC RELIEF SOCIETY AND UNIVERSITY OF MANHATTAN HELPING WITH SCHEDULE. GOI AND ALITALIA DEFRAIDING TRAVELING EXPENSES OF GROUP WHICH STAYING AT HOMES OF ITALO-AMERICANS. TWO DEPUTIES AND TWO SENATORS (ALL DC) IN ADDITION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL ACCOMPANY GROUP.

3. IF WE COULD PASS ON YOUR REACTION TO THE GROUP ORGANIZERS BEFORE THEY DEPART, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. WE HAVE INFORMED THEM, HOWEVER, THAT IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME LEFT BEFORE THEY LEAVE,
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THE ONLY PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE MAY BE FOR YOUR OFFICE TO GET

IN TOUCH WITH VISSAT IF SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT.

4. EMBASSY NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS GROUP, BUT FACT IT SUPPORTED
BY GOI IS GUARANTEE OF BONA FIDES. REPERTOIRE CONSISTS OF BALANCE
OF CLASSICAL CHORAL WORKS (MONTEVERDI, LASSUS, RACHMANINOFF,
ETC). AND FRIULANI REGIONAL SONGS WHICH TEND TO BE SOMEWHAT
SIMILAR TO SWISS SONGS. VOLPE

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